

AMENDMENT
PATENT APPLICATION
S.N. #10/770,106
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DELORES R. COLLINS EXAMINER

L. REMARKS

I disagree with the examiner's contentions pertaining to Claims 1, 2, and 4 through 6 as being unpatentable over Hull et al. (783) in view of Mitchell (154). While Hull discloses a Bingo Caddy, this subject apparatus represents an improvement which affects the utility of the apparatus, to wit: the 15 degree angle of the slanted surface making it ergonomically sound (Claim 8); the lip which secures the apparatus to the edge of a plane surface and prevents slipping, sliding or movement (Claim 9); a raised lip portion on the top which supports game-playing cards or sheets and prevents cards, papers, books, and other items from slipping, sliding, or falling from the apparatus (Claim 10); a handle fastened to the exterior surface extending outwardly generally transverse to back side of cavities to facilitate carrying and using the apparatus by those with limited mobility including the elderly, children, and people with disabilities and does not present a safety hazard (Claims 11); a fastener on the exterior surface in order to secure the apparatus in closed position (Claim 12); and attaching to a tray affixed to a wheelchair to provide an accessible playing surface (Claim 7).